

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows (no new matter is added):

Page 1, the paragraph beginning at line 23:

A method and a device to clean carrier elements in printers or copiers using magnetic fields is specified from DE 101 52 892 (~~not published~~), incorporated herein by reference. In this patent application, the development process is specified in detail with the aid of two-component systems and the application of magnetic fields to ferromagnetic carrier particles. The content of this patent application is hereby incorporated in the disclosure contents of the present patent application.

Page 9, the paragraph beginning at line 1:

Figure 8 shows as an exemplary embodiment of a developer station 40 with an indicated housing 42. The two-component mixture comprising toner and ferromagnetic carrier particles is located in the floor region. This mixture is circulated by a paddle wheel 46. A magnetic roller 48 conveys the mixture made of carrier particles and toner particles to an applicator roller, whereby if at all possible only toner particles should be transferred to the surface of the applicator roller 50. The magnetic roller 48 holds the carrier particles back due to its magnetic field. However, this process is imperfect, such that carrier particles to some degree can also arrive together with toner particles on the surface of the applicator (carrier) roller 50. The previously specified collecting roller 10 is arranged at a distance of an air gap 52 from the surface of the applicator roller 50 and catches the carrier particles from the carpet made of toner particles. The caught carrier particles are then again supplied to the two-component mixture. The applicator roller 50 transfers the toner particles to the location 54 on the surface of a photoconductor drum provided with latent images. A cleaning roller 56 removes the untransferred toner particles from

the surface of the applicator roller 50. It is to be noted that an applicator ribbon 100 (shown in dashed lines in Fig. 8) can also be used as an applicator carrier element that is arranged opposite the collecting roller 10 that removes ferromagnetic carrier particles from the carpet of toner particles.